

Undersheriff Hill was honored by the YWCA in 2002 as a Woman of Achievement and in 2004 by the Inland Empire Magazine as a "Woman Who Makes a Difference." In 2005 she was presented the Gold Key Award by Soroptimist International and in 2007 she was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee (LEAC).

It is my pleasure to recognize Undersheriff Valerie Hill as she prepares to retire from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, though I hope she continues her fine service to her community.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL THAD W. ALLEN

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I wish to talk about the U.S. Coast Guard and to recognize the 39 years of exemplary service, dedication and leadership that ADM Thad W. Allen has given to the U.S. Coast Guard and the Nation.

Since 1790, the U.S. Coast Guard has been America's Maritime Guardian; the sentinel of the sea, determined to protect the safety and security of the maritime industry. As a multimission military service, the U.S. Coast Guard is unlike any other military branch in the world. The Coast Guard is the fifth branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security, a member of the National Intelligence Community, and the lead U.S. representative at the International Maritime Organization. The Coast Guard is the Nation's oldest, continuous seagoing service and has fought in every major armed conflict the Nation has faced. The service embodies their motto—Semper Paratus—Always Ready. Here to protect and serve; ready to rescue, the Coast Guard routinely is at its best when weather conditions are at their worst. Coast Guard servicemen and women throughout the Nation routinely exhibit selfless sacrifice and enduring service, traits that are exuded by their Commandant, ADM Thad Allen.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, those who have been able to observe and admire Admiral Allen's devotion to the Coast Guard, have been nothing short of inspired by his honesty, integrity, determination, and calming influence even in the face of an impending disaster. We all remember the leadership that Admiral Allen demonstrated as he led the Coast Guard in efforts to secure ports along the Atlantic seaboard after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Several years later, Admiral Allen was again in the national spotlight while serving as the principal Federal official for the response and recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Through his leadership and the heroic efforts of the men and women of the Coast Guard, over 33,500 gulf coast residents were rescued from their rooftops and flood homes, which included

the rescuing of 24,135 people that were saved from eminent peril and the evacuation of 9,409 medical patients to safety. Most recently, Admiral Allen was selected by the Obama administration to be the national incident coordinator, a role that makes him responsible to oversee the Federal response to the Deepwater Horizon oilspill in the Gulf of Mexico.

I have been fortunate enough to work with Admiral Allen on so many issues, including one we are both passionate about, the Arctic. Through his leadership and direction, the Coast Guard is evaluating their role in the Arctic and providing the strongest voice for the strategic and geopolitical importance of the region. Through his astute mind and unrelenting commitment to the betterment of this Nation, Admiral Allen has been an unwavering champion for an expanded U.S. role and presence in the Arctic. While many will argue that as ice recedes in the Arctic, so do the dangers and a Coast Guard presence in the region is not needed. Unfortunately the opposite is true. As the Arctic ice recedes, more commercial shipping, cruise ships and energy companies are increasing their presence, and as a larger contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone are revealed as the ice recedes, the more the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard expands. Admiral Allen, while not engaging in the debate surrounding climate change, clearly understands that more ice-free ocean in the Arctic region means more area that the Coast Guard is responsible for in the Arctic. By championing the National Security Presidential Directive on the Arctic, Admiral Allen was able to host a trip of Bush administration officials to the Arctic so that they were able to see and understand first-hand the conditions and operational challenges that exist in this vast and remote region.

It has been a great honor to have served alongside Admiral Allen and the Coast Guard during his time as Commandant. I have no doubt that he will continue to serve this Nation as a private citizen after his retirement from the service. He has left the Coast Guard on more sound and stable footing than he found it and has been the reassuring face of so many historic events. I, along with the Coast Guard and the Nation, will surely miss him. In the fine tradition of the sea-going services, I wish him "Fair Winds and Following Seas."●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations

which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5866. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket Nos. AMS-FV-09-0089; FV10-932-1 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5867. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"a-[p-(1,1,3,3-Tetramethylbutyl)phenyl]-w-hydroxypoly(oxyethylene); Time-Limited Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8824-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5868. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"a-(p-Nonylphenol)-w-hydroxypoly(oxyethylene) Sulfate and Phosphate Esters; Time-Limited Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8826-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5869. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Steel for Military Construction Projects" (DFARS Case 2008-D038) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5870. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Competition Requirements for Purchases from Federal Prison Industries" (DFARS Case 2008-D015) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5871. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Government Rights on the Design of Department of Defense Vessels" (DFARS Case 2008-D039) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5872. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Authorization for Validated